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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (Your file 92-166)

DATE: 5/5/61

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 92-5130)SUBJECT: BUSTIANO Veto Balestiere
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Office of Origin: MI

1. () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 4708

Report submitted 5-4-61

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

2. () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. (X) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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Date: 2/21/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: (S) SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)

SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

Re Buairtel to Milwaukee 2/13/63 captioned
"JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING."

Captain [] Milwaukee PD, advises that the Subject returned to Milwaukee on 2/16/63 after having been gone for a period of about three weeks. He stated that Subject returned with a new 1963 Chevrolet white and blue bearing 1963 Wisconsin license E51-896. Efforts are presently being made to attempt to ascertain his whereabouts during the preceding three weeks. If and when this is determined, the Bureau will be advised.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 28, 1963

BUSTIANNO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used
in the report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated and captioned
as above:

MI T-1 is an Italian hoodlum who is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MI T-2 is an individual who is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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MI T-3 is an Italian hoodlum who is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

MI T-4 is an individual [REDACTED] who requested his identity
be kept confidential but who [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Date: 3/2/63

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) - P -
SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On [redacted] who is [redacted]
FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, top hoodlum, Milwaukee Office, moved into [redacted] which is an [redacted] Subject's. It is not yet known whether this will be FRANK BALISTRERI, [redacted]

No information has been developed yet as to Subject's whereabouts during latter part of January, 1963 or first part of February, 1963.

Surveillance by Milwaukee PD indicates Subject again running around with the top echelon of the hoodlum element in Milwaukee but is also staying closer to home than he was several months ago.

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Date: 3/8/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
FROM: ~~OKS~~ SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)
SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

No information has been developed as to Subject's whereabouts during the latter part of January, 1963 and first part of February, 1963.

AUSA [] advises that [] is on the list of persons to be subpoenaed before the Federal Grand Jury to testify regarding []

[] anticipates subpoenaing [] before FGJ during the following week.

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Date: 3/15/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) - P

BUSTER BALESTRERE
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Surveillances by Milwaukee P.D. reflect BALESTRERE staying close to home.

[redacted] advised that Subject appeared to be [redacted] about the fact that [redacted] were served with federal subpoenas on [redacted]

[redacted] Informant advised that BALESTRERE indicated that he might, [redacted] a federal subpoena.

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G.C. Wick

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Approved: [Signature] Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3/22/63

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) (P)
SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

[] advised on [] that he has received no information as to where Subject disappeared to during the latter part of January and first part of February, 1963. He advised however that it appears that Subject has still []

On [] who stated that he [] RIZZO [] advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE appeared to be [] this [] about a year and a half ago.

- ③ - Bureau (92-5130) (AM)
1 - Milwaukee (92-166)

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Date: 3/29/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-166) -P-
SUBJECT: BUSTER BALESTRERE
AR

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Agent to whom case assigned has been supervising on SAC
desk all week as SAC out of town on BR conferences.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 4, 1963

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated and captioned as above:

MI T-1 is an Italian hoodlum who is [REDACTED]

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MI T-2 is an individual who is frequently in [REDACTED]



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

92-166

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 24, 1963

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM dated and captioned as above:

MI T-1 is an individual who frequently is [redacted]

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MI T-2 is an Italian hoodlum who is [redacted]

MI T-3 is a [redacted] who is acquainted with all of the Italian hoodlums in the Milwaukee area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 23, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 92-166.

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI - RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM, dated and captioned as above.

MI T-1 is an Italian hoodlum who is [REDACTED]

MI T-2 is a [REDACTED] who is acquainted with all of the Italian hoodlums in the Milwaukee area.

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MI T-3 is an Italian hoodlum who is closely associated with the Italian hoodlum element.

MI T-4 is an individual who [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

November 22, 1963

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERI,
also known as Bustiano Veto
Balistreri, Buster Vito
Balistreri, Buster Balistreri,
Buster Balestrere, Buster
Vedo Balestrere
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants
as reflected in report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, above dat

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T-1 is an individual who [REDACTED]

T-2 is an individual who [REDACTED]

RA REC 5 92-5130-40
The Acting Attorney General
Director, FBI

November 28, 1966

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. McAndrews
- 1 -- Mr. Leggett

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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On November 22, 1966, attorney [redacted]
[redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, furnished
the following information:

Mr. [redacted] advised that on November 21, 1966,
Milwaukee attorney [redacted] stated that he intends
to request dismissal of state gambling charges against
his clients, Bustiano Veto Balestrere and John Rizzo,
and a state perjury charge against another client, William
Covelli. The motions for dismissal are reportedly based
on the fact that the FBI had [redacted] office under electronic
surveillance during the period of time that he was acting
as attorney for these defendants.

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Information as to FBI electronic coverage of
[redacted] office has previously been furnished to the
Department in the current income tax case involving
Milwaukee hoodlum figure Frank Peter Balistreri.

According to Mr. [redacted] it is his understanding
that [redacted] intends to use FBI electronic surveillance of
his office as cause for dismissal in the case of every
individual he was representing during the period that such
coverage was in effect. [redacted] reportedly has already
filed a Writ of Prohibition in the gambling case regarding
Rizzo, in this connection.

This is for your information.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Mitchell Rogovin
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE: See ^{note} ~~memo~~ Page 2

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The Acting Attorney General

NOTE:

Bustiano Veto Balestrere is a Kansas City, Missouri, hoodlum who has been active in both Kansas City and the Milwaukee areas. He is no relation to Frank Peter Balistreri, La Cosa Nostra leader of Milwaukee and spells his name differently.

Balestrere, together with Milwaukee hoodlums William Covelli and John Rizzo, have been subjects of investigation in our Criminal Intelligence Program. Copies of reports as to all three have previously been furnished to the Department.

Milwaukee advises that a review of the log of the [] microphone coverage indicates that on May 14, 1963, Rizzo was named as a person that [] wanted to talk to. A [] log of June 13, 1963, indicated [] was told by one [] that the FBI had questioned him about Covelli and other individuals.

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No information obtained over the [] source was disseminated prior to the time the complete log was made available to the Department in connection with the current income tax case of Milwaukee La Cosa Nostra leader Frank Peter Balistreri.